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Our Georgia Letter.

Crops Turning out Better than Expected--Some of the Important Measures Being Considered by the Legislature--Status of the Rawlings Case--Lancaster Candidates.

Mr. Editor: General improvement in the crop in this state is being reported and the government report of 82.9 was not a great surprise to cotton merchants and others here. We believe those who held cotton all through the Summer, paying heavy charges for storage and insurance, a great many of them, will regret having done so, as the large amount of cotton being held, together with a fairly good new crop, will make a total that will not warrant high prices this fall by no means. But let us hope there will be a general deterioration in the crops, at least sufficient to make the supply and demand on an equal basis and thereby insure the farmers good prices, which is better than big crops and little prices.

That fellow Alexander, who left Augusta so suddenly not many days ago, with over \$150,000 that didn't belong to him, sent in his resignation to all the different offices and positions he held, before his hasty departure from the city, which means, evidently, that he doesn't intend to return right away. He has stolen enough to pay his board through the Summer all right until he can get a position in the Fall. He is what you might call a "smart Aleck", sure enough.

Important bills pending before the legislature now in session in this state, are the cigarette bill, which prohibits the sale or free distribution of cigarettes or cigarette papers, the "bucket shop" bill, which does away with all the bucket shops in the state, after January 1907, and to disfranchise the negroes of the state. We consider these bills very important and ere this reaches the press, we hope they will have passed both houses. The child labor bill, passed a few days ago, is also a good one, and the author, Mr. Bell of Atlanta, deserves much credit for having worked so faithfully for its passage, session after session, in the face of such bitter opposition.

The famous Rawlings case has again been appealed to the supreme court and this gives to that man Rawlings, the perpetrator of one of the worst crimes in the history of Georgia, a few months, at least, longer lease on life. He pretends to be anxious for the end to come and says he cannot understand why his hanging is being postponed from time to time. He says he is anxious for his wife to have the in-

surance money, for which his life is insured, and which she will get at his death. A few days ago his wife made a hurried trip to Macon to see her attorney, who lives here, with the view, it is believed, of having him ask the governor to intercede in behalf of her husband, as some fears that a mob might lynch him were entertained, on account of some rumors that the people in the county where crime was committed, are getting anxious for Rawlings to be hanged and are impatient with courts in appealing the case. Of course, it is a great deal better to let the law take its course as eventual hanging is practically certain.

We see from The News announcement of a new candidate for the legislature. Guess this is gratifying to some of the fellows who wanted a few more to come out, in order to make the race more interesting. We don't suppose there is complaint at all about the number running for supervisor being too small. If there is any, it certainly is unwarranted.

Former Lancastrian.
Macon, Ga.

Auction Sale of Lots at Mt. Croghan.

Ruby special in Columbia State: At Mt. Croghan, a station about four miles above here on the extension of the Chesterfield and Lancaster railway, about five hundred people from Chesterfield the surrounding counties assembled Wednesday, the attraction being an auction sale of lots and a picnic. Mr. Edgar Poag, the well-known broker of Rock Hill, conducted the sale. At the beginning Mr. Poag made a short but impressive talk, explaining the advantages of investing in real estate, and congratulating the people on having such a fine country to back a town. About 25 business lots and several dwelling lots were sold.

After the sale all were invited to a large grove, where a bountiful dinner was served. Music was served. Music was furnished by a brass band which was brought by the real estate company.

Street Duel in Missouri Results in Both Participants Being Killed.

Springfield, Mo., August 5.—In the streets of Chadwick, Mo., Chas. Freeman, a machinist, and Robert Keene, 18 years old, shot each other to death with revolvers. Suit recently was brought by Freeman, charging Keene with assaulting Freeman's daughter.

When the men met on the street to day, both drew revolvers and fired.

Freeman was shot in the forehead and in the left breast. Keene was shot three times in the heart. Both men were dead when the spectators reached them.

A Sunday Wedding.

Marriage of Mr. C. P. Clanton and Miss Sadie Bennett.

Cupid has invaded this office and carried off one of The News' fair printers. Miss Sadie Bennett, who on last Sunday afternoon was wedded to Mr. Commodore Perry Clanton, one of Lancaster's popular and deserving young men. The ceremony was performed at the Baptist parsonage, about 2 o'clock, by the pastor, Dr. Boldridge, in the presence of a few friends of the young couple.

The bride, who is a bright, modest and attractive young lady, is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Bennett, of Jones X Roads. For the past few months she, together with her sister, Miss Ella, has been learning the printer's art in this office, and it is with much regret that we give her up. We lose not only her valuable services in the composing room but her charming company as well.

Mr. Clanton is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Clanton and is a young man of sterling character. He is full of energy and is destined to succeed in life. The best wishes of the entire News force will accompany the happy young couple on their journey through life.

Terrible Wreck off Coast of Spain---Three Hundred Lives Lost.

Cartagena, Spain, Aug. 5.—A terrible marine disaster occurred last evening off Cape Palos. The Italian steamship Sirio, from Genoa for Barcelona, Cadiz, Montevideo and Buenos Ayres with about 800 persons on board, was wrecked off Homigas Island.

Three hundred emigrants, most of them Italians and Spaniards, were drowned.

The captain of the steamer committed suicide.

The bishop of Sao Pablo, Brazil, also was lost and it is reported that another bishop is among the missing.

The remainder of the officers and crew got away in the ship's boats or were rescued by means of boats sent to them from the shore.

A number of fishermen who made attempts to rescue were drowned.

Those rescued from the vessel are now at Cape Palos in a pitiable condition, being without food or clothing.

BRUTAL PANIC ON BOARD.

London, Aug. 5.—The Madrid correspondent of The Daily Telegraph describes the Sirio disaster as one of the worst on record. The Italian emigrants, with knives in their hands and without regard for the women or

children, fought with the greatest brutality for the possession of life buoys and boats. Many were killed or wounded, including several members of the crew who were attacked by emigrants.

When the captain saw the vessel was lost and that the emigrants had captured the boat he committed suicide by shooting with a revolver. The other officers then lost their heads and there was nobody to direct the work of rescue.

News by Way of Waxhaw.

Enterprise: Miss Bessie Roddey, of Lancaster, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. E. Hough.

Mr. H. B. McMurray and daughter, Miss Ida, of Lancaster county, spent Saturday night and Sunday here with Mr. J. E. Lane and family.

Mr. J. D. Griffin, a farmer of the Belair section, reports a turnip raised by him this season that measured 29 inches in circumference and weighed about 15 pounds.

Mrs. J. E. Hough had the misfortune to fall and break her leg last week. The limb was set and she is getting along as well could be expected.

A cabbage head, weighing fifteen pounds and measuring forty-six inches in circumference, was sent to this market Monday by Mr. R. G. Griffin, who lives in the vicinity of Waxhaw Baptist church.

Miss Emma Hunter, who has been employed as teacher in the Belair school, passed the State examination successfully and now holds a State certificate. Miss Hunter is a deservedly popular teacher, and the trustees and patrons of the Belair school are congratulating themselves on securing her services.

VANWYCK ITEMS.

Miss Pearl Plyler is visiting in Chester.

Miss Eula Hyatt spent a few days of last week at Elgin.

Mrs. Mattie Hyatt, of Rock Hill, is visiting Mrs. J. A. Hyatt.

Miss Jessie McCollough, of Fort Lawn, is visiting Miss Emma Fudge.

Miss Edith Stewart, of Rock Hill, is spending a few days with Miss Alice Beckham.

Last Monday night two of the stores here were visited by burglars. From Thompson Bros. some clothing was taken; and about eighteen dollars was missing from J. E. Nisbet & Co's cash drawer.

Stabbed About a Nickel.

Evangeline, La., August 5.—A quarrel over five cents led up to an altercation late last night which terminated in H. C. Creggs, who came here recently from Pennsylvania, being stabbed eight times with a carving knife and fatally wounded by W. H. Crouch, of this place. Creggs, it is alleged, was the aggressor.

Negro Shot.

He is Said to have been Stealing a Pair of Trousers.

A negro named John Barron, said to be from Rock Hill, was shot Saturday evening by Mr. Sam Varnadore, in the latter's store in the mill community. The weapon used was a pistol, and the ball passed nearly through the negro's body.

Mr. Varnadore claims, we understand, that Barron was caught by him in the act of stealing a pair of pants, and when he ordered him to put the garments down he declined to do so. A scuffle ensued in which the negro was shot as stated. It is said that after he was shot Barron dropped the pants and ran. He was taken to Rock Hill Saturday night, where the bullet was removed by Dr. Fennell. The wound is not considered dangerous. Mr. Varnadore was placed in jail, but was admitted to bail yesterday.

Hungry Youth Stabs a man for Purpose of Robbery.

New York, Aug. 5.—While apparently crazed John Carle, a homeless youth, crept behind William C. Pearson, a traveling salesman who was walking through west Twenty-third street today and plunged a long knife into his back. As Pearson fell Carle sprang upon him and began rifling his pockets but ran away when a dozen passersby rushed on him. Half a block away he was captured by a policeman. Pearson was taken to the hospital, where it was found that he was probably mortally wounded.

When taken to court Carle said:

"I made up my mind to kill some one and rob him. I was hungry. I had eaten nothing since Friday night. Yesterday I stole a fruit knife from a push cart in Park Row and a few minutes before this man came along, I made up my mind to kill the first man who passed. This man was the first and I went for him."

White Man Charged with Selling Liquor.

Rock Hill special in News and Courier: Oscar Potts, a young white man, who conducts a small store on Railroad avenue, was tried before Mayor Roddey today under charges brought by State Constable Jenkins. The indictment covered four counts, two for transporting and two for selling whiskey. The first two were not sustained, but he was convicted of selling in both cases and fined one hundred dollars each.

Potts appealed and was bound over in the sum of \$500.